

Aid in Danger Incident Trends

Authority actions | New laws, bills and regulations that impede the delivery of aid.

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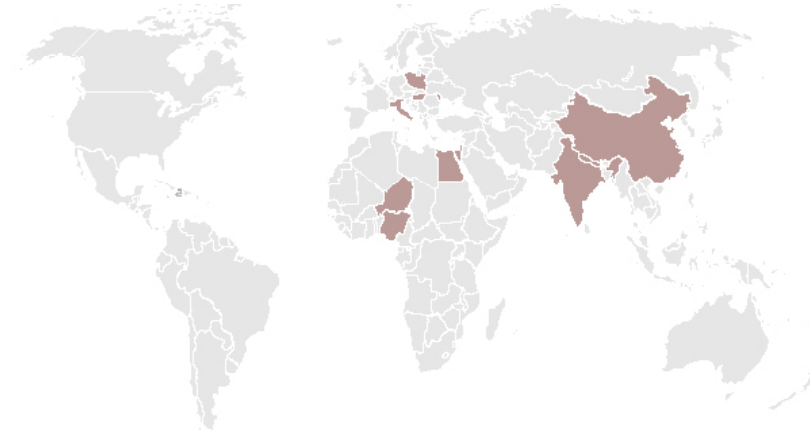


This document provides an overview of reports in open sources and by SiND partner agencies of changes to laws or regulations that observers fear might affect, or have the potential ability to affect, the delivery of aid. It also includes information about government actions and measures that affect aid organisations. It contains information from open sources that has not been independently verified. Links to open-source-reported new laws, bill and regulations reported in 2017 can be found [here](#).

Newly introduced laws, bills or regulations

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- Insecurity Insight's monitoring of open sources identified 13 new aid-related laws, bills or regulations introduced into or approved by the legislative process in Israel (2), China, Egypt, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Moldova, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria and Poland (1 each).
- Four of these 12 countries also introduced or approved aid-related laws or regulations in 2016: China, Egypt, Israel and Poland.



Law, bill, or regulation type



- Five new measures related to aid funding were introduced in Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Moldova and Poland. Changes to tax breaks affecting NGOs were reported in Israel.



- New or additional regulations affecting aid activities were reported in Egypt, Italy, Nepal, Niger and Nigeria. In addition, NGOs were required to re-register with authorities in China and India.

Government measures

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- Insecurity Insight identified 36 measures taken by state authorities using existing legislation or regulations that affected aid delivery in 22 countries.
- State authorities reportedly implemented measures following the introduction of new laws or regulations in six countries: China, Egypt, Hungary, India, Israel and Italy.

Measures taken



- Half the reported measures included the forced closure of NGO operations in: Cambodia, Turkey (2 each), Bangladesh, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Kenya, Libya, OPT, Pakistan, Russia and South Africa (1 each).
- Israeli authorities issued 17 'stop working' orders and two demolition orders on four occasions to aid agencies in the OPT.
- NGOs were investigated by authorities in Bangladesh, Greece and Italy. Aid workers in North Korea were affected by travel restrictions imposed by the US government. Changes to visa regulations in South Sudan affected aid workers in that country.
- Existing laws allowed for the revoking of NGO licences during re-registration procedures in India, Pakistan and Singapore.

